

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method of making a material, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) generating a foamed hydrophilic polymer solution;
 - (b) coating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution onto a support substrate to form a coated support substrate; and
 - (c) treating said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution by exposing said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution to a source of microwave radiation for 8 minutes or less to form an open-cell structure.
2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic polymer comprises gelatin or a derivative thereof.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, 1 in which the step of treating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution lasts for 5 minutes or less.
5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, in which the step of treating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution lasts for 2 minutes or less.
6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of generating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution comprises high-shear stirring of a hydrophilic polymer solution such that air is entrained in said hydrophilic polymer forming bubbles therein.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of generating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution comprises adding a physical or chemical blowing agent to a solution of the hydrophilic polymer, and interacting with said blowing agent to cause it to decompose, thereby generating a blowing gas.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the step of interacting with the blowing agent comprises heating the solution.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the step of interacting with the blowing agent comprises adding an acid to said solution to react with the blowing agent, thereby generating gas.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 +0, wherein the step of treating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution results in drying the coated support substrate.

12. (Original) A material obtainable by the method of claim 1.

13. (Original) An ink-jet receiver comprising a material according to claim 12.

14. (Original) The ink-jet receiver of claim 13, comprising a support and an ink-receiving layer on said support, said ink receiving layer comprising said material.

15. (Canceled)

16. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution contains an aqueous solvent.

17. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein the support is a resin coated paper.

18. (New) A method of inkjet printing comprising jetting an aqueous ink onto the material of Claim 16.

19. (New) A method of making an inkjet receiver consisting essentially of a support substrate and a porous hydrophilic polymer ink-receiving layer thereon, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) generating a foamed hydrophilic polymer solution;
- (b) coating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution onto a coated resin support substrate to form a coated support substrate; and
- (c) treating said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution by exposing said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution to a source of microwave radiation for 8 minutes or less to form an open-cell structure of the porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layer.

20. (New) A method of making an ink jet receiver containing a coated resin support substrate and a porous hydrophilic polymer ink-receiving layer thereon, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) generating a composition consisting essentially of a foamed hydrophilic polymer solution;
- (b) coating the foamed hydrophilic polymer solution onto a support substrate to form a coated support substrate; and
- (c) treating said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution by exposing said foamed hydrophilic polymer solution to a source of microwave radiation for 8 minutes or less to form an open-cell structure.